

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST December 25

For unite year to born this day in the City of Barid a Marior, which is Christ the Lord."

—Lube 2:11.

OD's promise that the Seed of bless all nations has influenced shought the world over but particu Christ, the Lord. But as the Babe be firly amongst those autions living consizuous to Abraham's home and north- Christ before becoming the Savior and ward and westward from there, in the strections is which the message of Dime favor has gone. At first the Jews abought of this promise as being fulfilled in them as a untion-that, without assistance from on High, they could approve themselves to God through obedience to the Law Covemant, and that then, as instructors of the world, they would teach all nations to keep that Divine Law, and thus pring the world to the blessed state of perfection. Divine favor and life everlasting. This hope was crushed out as



the Law, going down into death, instead of attaining to perfection of life. Even Moses, the special servant of God, could not, and did not, attain the blessing of the Law.

Then God made them the promise of some better thing-of a greater Mediator and of a more successful Covenant through that Mediator. The Mediator of the New Covenant Ger 31:31-34) was to be greater than Moses; as he himself declared, "A Prophet shall the Lord your God raise up you from amongst your brethren like unte me (but greater)-him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall speak unto you. And it shall come to pass that the soul that will anointed thereto, and also anointed to not obey that Prophet shall be destroy be the great King, and how he has been ex from amongst the people." (Acts 3; merely waiting for the due time for

## "The Desire of All Nations"

As surrounding nations and those afar off heard of Israel's hopes-that them would come a great Savior. Deliverer, who would bless them and exait them in the world and through them bless all peoples, the beauty of the thought took root in every direction. Messiah was more or less looked for under various names, and the glo f his Kingdom were pictured by heathen poets as the Golden Age.

Thus it happened that when our Lord was born, when he was made flesh and dwelt amount us, "All men were in expectation of him"-not of Jesus. but of the promised Messiah, whom Je-Thus it was that wise men in the East were attracted to see and to worship him that was born King of the Jews. Thus it was also that during Jesus' ministry certain Greeks came to the disciples saying, "Sirs, we would see Jesus." They had heard of him and recognized that in some respects his magic power implied a relationship with the long-expected Messiah. And so it was with the multi-tudes of Palestine. They heard; they listened. They said, Is this he? The rule,'s said. No, this is not the Messiah. Then the people asked, When Messiah cometh can be do greater works than this man? Never man spake like this

vertheless, there were few ready foreces ve him, even amongst his ownonly "iscae lites indeed," to whom, because of work. hess of heart, God specially revealed by Son. This was in died-"the Just for the unjust, to bring harmony with the prophecy of old. us back to God." some during this The secret of the Lord is with them Age and some during the period of his that reverence him and he will show Messdanic reign. Gradually he, with them his Covennat." (Psa. 25.7a.) As his saintly Bride class, will uplift husgain it is written, "I will give be" manify from sin and death to rightfor a Covenant of the people." (Isa eousness and life eternal and will destroy all who refuse the blessing in the Second Death, from which there Messiah would first appear to offer will be no hope of recovery. himself, through obedience to the Truth, a living sacrifice for sinners. Bride and Bridegroom, will, finitedly None of them knew that a long period be the world's Savior. The giorified Source of them knew that a long period be the world's Savior. The giorified Source from the time when Messenger saves his Church first-by siah would be the man of sorrows and a special salvation and High Calling must elapse from the time when Mesacquainted with grief, of whom the These are the "elect," called to suffer people would be ashamed, nutil he with him and, if faithful, to reign with would appear in power and great glory him on the Heavenly plane. These would appear in power and great glory him on the Heavenly plane. These would appear in power and great glory him on the Heavenly plane. These would appear in power and great glory him on the Heavenly plane. picture of Daulel 2:34; 7:13, 14:27

Bride, and joint-heir with him in his God, to reign with Christ a thousand Messianic reign. Few see that this years-Rev. 20th.

"little flock" has been selected during these nineteen centuries from every nation, people, kindred and tongue, and that they are all saints, in the spirit of their minds, at least, and follow the Lamb, whithersoever be goeth, walking in the footsteps of Jesus. Few understand that, as soon as these joint-sacrificers with the Master shall have filled up the measure of afflictions appointed, then the Kingdom of glory will be revealed and all flesh shall see it together and all shall be blessed by it.

A Savior-Christ the Lord

was prophetically, of course, that Abraham should ultimately the Babe of Bethlehem was called a Savior-he was to be a Savior. The was none of these. He became The Lord. The word Christ signifies asoistin the Divine purpose it was ared. ranged that Messiah should be anointed High Priest of Israel on a higher plane than Aaron-after the order of Melchisedec. (Psalm 110:4.) And every priest must be anointed to his office before he could fill it. Similarly, was prophesied that Christ would be the great King, greater than David and Solomon, who were his types and foreshadows.

The anointing of Jesus was not with literal oil, but with that which the oil upon the head of the kings and priests of Israel typified-the boly Spirit. He received this holy Spirit at the time of his baptism, the Spirit falling upon him and abiding with him, anointing him for his great work of antitypical Priest and antitypical King of Israel, who, as the Messiah long-promised, would bless them, and through them, the world. But every priest was or dained to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins, and in this also they typified Jesus, who, under the Divine arrangement, must first offer up himself as a sacrifice acceptable to God for the sin of mankind-in order that he might be the Savior or Deliverer of men from the curse of sin and deaththat he might restore them and their earthly home to the giorious condition of perfection represented in Adam and Eden home. Hence it was necessary that Jesus should not only consecrate his life to the Divine service and be anointed with the holy Spirit, but that, sacrificially, he should lay down his life, even unto death-even the death of the cross. As a part of his reward he was raised to glory, honor and immortality, on the third day thereafter.

As the glorified One he was now fully commissioned and empowered to establish the long-promised Messianic Kingdom, but has been waiting while a "little flock" have walked in his footsteps-until the elect number shall be completed and shall share his glory. Then his Kingdom will take the control of earth. Satan shall be bound for thousand years and all the wonderful blessings promised in the Law and the Prophets and Gospels and Epistles shall be fulfilled.

## "A Savior and a Great One"

We have seen how the Son of God attained his Priestly Office, for the sacrifice of himself; how he was his Kingdom to begin. Now we inquire as to the force and significance of the word Savior, and how he saves

his people from their sins! In the Arabic, Savior signifies life giver. The Redeemer, glorified as the antitypical Melchisedec, "a priest upon his throne," is to be the Savior or lifegiver of the race, for whose sin and because of whose condemnation he



But the Christ, the Savior of Glory beavens, in fulfillment of the prophetic faith; they pass from death nuto life by the exercise of faith and their en Few understand God's great secret tering into a Covenant vith God, of or "mystery" hidden during past ages sacrifice, through the merit of the Reand dispensations (Col. 1286, that, dur- deemer. Their salvation will be made and dispensitions of the Gospel Age actual when they shall share in his a salutly "little flock" would be select- resurrection, the "First Resurrection," ed from amongst men to be Messinh's and become kings and priests unto

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